

house, and Murphy came to her assistance. Smith drew his pistol. It was then that they started for the door, and that Smith fired two shots at Murphy. She did everything possible to get the two little children out of the house, but her husband was in such a state that he would not have allowed any of them to go if the three women had not got by him and run for their lives.

**Thought Trouble Over.**  
Arriving at the club house, they were admitted by Clarence Hall, the club whip. Into the back room, where they sat around the stove until shortly before 1 A. M., when Hall and Murphy decided to go over to the Aeca to see if Smith had been there. Hall said that when they reached the door Murphy knocked and Smith came out. "How's everything, Uncle Sam?" asked Murphy, to which Smith replied: "All right, come in. I'm all right, thinking that there would be no trouble, went back to the club. A little later one of the hands of the Aeca farm rushed in, telling Mrs. Smith to come home at once, because her husband had killed Smith. When she reached the house, Smith had gone, and the dead body of his victim was stretched on the floor of the back room.

Smith, who will be fifty-nine years of age next June, was employed last fall as manager and horse-trainer by Messrs. Clyde Saunders and Anthony Griffith, who lease Aeca farm. Murphy was engaged a short time afterward by Smith as a farm hand and groom. Smith said that aside from the fact that the man hung around the house whenever he could, Murphy was a good worker. Mrs. Smith declared last evening that as far as she knew the dead man never drank—at all events, she had never seen him under the influence of whiskey.

Before Murphy went to work on the farm he lived in the city, but he had often stated that he had no relatives at all. Late last night it was said that he had a sister. Her address, however, is not known.

**Inquest To-Day.**  
Shortly after the arrival of Smith at the county jail Magistrate J. T. Lewis was called in and issued a warrant, which was served by Deputy Sheriff Garrett. Asked by Mr. Lewis if he intended to employ a doctor, Smith declined to do so. He said that he would place his case before the jury, and believed that when the true story was told he would be acquitted. Later, he said that he had been roughly made up his mind. No application was made for bail yesterday.

Murphy's body was viewed by the county coroner, Dr. W. A. Deas, yesterday, and it was then moved to Kain's undertaking establishment, where the post-mortem examination and inquest will be held this morning.

## MARTIAL LAW

City of Natchez Guarded by Military While Search Is Made for Bodies.

**NATCHEZ, MISS., March 15.**—To-day has been one of ceaseless activity for city officials and the volunteers engaged in searching for the bodies of the Natchez Drug Company's five-story building, which was wrecked yesterday by an explosion of gas, causing the death of eight persons. At nightfall, the remains of two of the victims had been recovered. The chemist in charge of the laboratory, and Inez Netterville, one of the young women employed in that department, Laub's body was enfolded in an excelsior mattress badly burned. It is believed Laub wrapped himself in the mattress to escape the fire which followed the explosion. The other was the charred torso of a woman, partially identified as that of Miss Netterville. The search of the debris will be continued until all of the bodies are recovered.

An investigation to establish the cause of the explosion has been inaugurated by Coroner Ducrow. While the city remains under martial law, the two local military companies patrolling the vicinity of the wrecked building, there has been no lawlessness.

## SENSATIONAL ARTICLES

State of New Jersey to Endeavor to Stop Anarchistic Publications.

**PATERSON, N. J., March 15.**—The attention of the local authorities has been directed to a sensational article alleged to have been published by those interested in the propaganda of an anarchistic teachings. Prosecutor Emsley to-day said that if there was any State law under which he could proceed in the matter, he would see that it was vigorously applied, but he doubted whether the law was broad enough to warrant him taking action in the circumstances.

The medium containing the alleged incendiary utterances is said to circulate chiefly outside of the State so that the question of the propriety of the publication is more likely to be passed upon by the postal authorities.

**Silvia Still on Reef.**

**WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 15.**—The steamer SIOCKET, of the Red Cross Line, bound from New York to Halifax, N. S., and St. John's, N. B., which struck Vineyard Sound, at entrance to Vineyard Sound, at 10:30 p. m. yesterday, remained hard and fast on the reef to-night, and the prospect of saving her looked very slight. At sunset the seas, driven by a southwesterly gale, were making a clean sweep over the steamer. Her crew, who came ashore in the morning, expressed fear that she would go to pieces before morning.

The passengers, all of whom were taken off the Silvia yesterday by the revenue cutter Mohawk, to-day went to Boston, where they will be sent to their destinations.

**POLES PROTEST AGAINST EXPROPRIATION LAWS**

**BUFFALO, N. Y., March 15.**—Polish citizens of this city, in five big mass meetings to-day, formed memorials protesting against the expropriation bill enacted by the Prussian Diet. The memorial reviews the conditions existing towards Poles in Prussia since 1875, and pleads for preservation of the Polish language and lands. The memorial is sent to Congress, President Roosevelt and members of his Cabinet. Speakers at the meeting told the Poles that if the memorial goes unheeded by the people of America have in their hands a weapon of reprisal by boycotting goods of German manufacture.

**Girl Commits Suicide.**

**TRENTON, N. J., March 15.**—Margaret Burton, aged fifteen years, shot and killed herself to-night at her home. The girl had become dependent over the care of her mother, who has been seriously ill for some time.

## SOCIETY OF MARRIAGE VOWS

Pastor of Third Presbyterian Church Preaches Special Sermon on Divorce.

SERVICES HELD FOR DEAF

Bishop Gibson Confirms Class at Epiphany—Other News from Churches.

Opening his sermon on "Marriage and Divorce," at the Third Presbyterian Church last night, the Rev. Dr. R. B. Eggleston quoted the scriptural text, "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder," saying that he would consider the subject from its present status just as he would any other great biblical theme. "It is," he declared, "the most important subject about which our Lord and the apostles have spoken with no uncertain sound. There is nothing so important as the moral and social conditions of the human race as marriage and divorce."

The pastor then went on to show how marriage starts a home; how homes make communities; and how all men, no matter what their calling in life, must have their initial training in home atmosphere. Divorce, on the other hand, means the breaking up of the home—the disintegration of the foundation.

**Let No Man Put Asunder.**  
"It is honorable, right, natural and wise," he declared, "that the man should be united as one flesh in the sight of God and man, true to each other until separated by death. 'Although matches are made in heaven, some people live as though the Lord had made a mistake in His joining them together. The minister who officiates at the marriage altar is simply the earthly instrument of union under the Lord's direction.'"

Dr. Eggleston pointed out the fact that often people enter into the engagement with levity, not intending it to result in a lifelong union. "A slipshod flirt, man or woman," he said, "cannot have the respect of the public that the sterling man or woman, true to promises, does have and does."

In consideration of the vows made at the altar, he declared, every married couple should remain together for better or for worse. Christ sanctions only one case of divorce, and that is the breach of the seventh commandment. Concerning those who remain faithful to their marriage vows, the preacher said: "As time rolls on, they will not be seeking separation, but over the years they have grown together, and they look back and thank God for the happy moment when they became one flesh; thank Him for allowing them to spend many years of their lives in the joy and bearing each other's sorrows. Marriage is a solemn affair. When entered into it is recorded on earth and recorded in heaven. So let the contracting parties be faithful to each other and faithful to God. 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.'"

**WEST END CAMPAIGN**

Christian Church to Raise Fund for Erection of New Structure.

After days of preparation, the West End Christian Church will begin this morning a week of active campaigning to raise the funds necessary for the erection of a new edifice at Hanover Street and Allen Avenue, on a lot already purchased for \$5,000. The Morris Street building will be abandoned when the other structure is completed. Work of construction will begin in the next two weeks.

Mr. E. N. Newman, of the Seventh Street Christian Church, will direct the campaign, the purpose of the members being to secure funds from their own pockets to spend for the new building. West End Church has paid for the lot and stands for \$10,000 more.

The Rev. H. P. Atkins, the pastor, said yesterday that the new church will cost \$25,000, and that there is every assurance that the building fund can be easily raised.

## MRS. CURTIS COMING

Silver-Tongued Orator of Texas to Speak Here Again.

Mrs. Nannie Curtis, of Sherman, Texas, known as "The Silver-Tongued Orator," will deliver an address at St. James M. E. Church on Wednesday evening. The Bristol Herald-Courier paid this tribute to Mrs. Curtis: "She is an orator, with a true orator's power. She is of fine presence. With a pleasing voice. Her eloquence carried conviction with more quality than any other speaker I have heard. Her ability to play upon the emotions of an audience in a simple, unadorned way is marvelous."

## WILL NOT LEAVE

Rev. Mr. Earle Has Not Been Called to Resign.

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## New Catholic Marriage Laws Explained.

In the Catholic churches of the diocese of Richmond the encyclical recently issued by Pope Pius X. which will govern the marriage of Catholics after Easter, is being explained by the parish priests. The following is published with the authority of Bishop Van de Vyver as an exposition of the principal prescriptions which will affect all Catholics:

"In regard to **Exponais**, or betrothals, no engagements or mutual promises to marry made on or after next Easter, will have an effect before the church, unless they have been contracted in writing, signed or marked by both the parties and by either a parish priest, or the ordinary of the place, or by a priest delegated by the ordinary. Those who are contracted before a parish priest, meaning here one having charge of souls, or an ordinary, that is, a bishop, within their own territory, or by a priest delegated by either of these and at least two witnesses. Where such a priest cannot be found, parties may, when necessary, after a month, contract privately in presence of two witnesses; and, in danger of death, they may marry before any priest and two witnesses.

Hence, in the future, **Exponais**, or betrothals, are, or ever were, Catholic, cannot, as they could heretofore, contract a valid marriage before a non-Catholic minister, a magistrate or 'laïque' of any kind or privately between themselves. Before the church and before God such unions, even when sanctioned by the State, will be a mere concubinage, which, to become a valid marriage, will require not only the blessing of the priest, but the very renewal of the matrimonial contract, in the presence of the duly accredited representative of the church; and the persons who thus married before a minister will yet continue to incur the excommunication reserved to a bishop for abolition.

"Marriages of Catholics, contracted in the manner described above, are valid and indissoluble; but, therefore, they are not always lawful. To be allowed and free from sin they must be celebrated before the own pastor of the parties, who, as a rule, should be the pastor of the bride, or before a priest deputed or allowed by him. "Let the faithful, parents as well as their children who are intending to marry, bear in mind these salutary regulations, and let them be accordingly. By the observance of them, they may avoid all unhappiness for the future. For the family life of Catholics will be pacified, purified and strengthened. Marriage, attempted, but illegal and null, will be avoided, annulments and divorces and the consequent scandals which disrupt families, deprive children of their natural protectors and threaten the social life of the nation will cease to be so frequent. It will be easier to live up to the precept of Christ: 'What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.' (Matt. xix, 6.)"

deaf-mutes before him, the Rev. J. W. Michaels told by gestures and signs the story of Numan, the leper, at the Venable Street Baptist Church yesterday evening. For the several members of the congregation who hear, but who do not understand the silent language, a history of the mutes in the State and their progress was read. Mr. Michaels, who is an evangelist to the deaf of the South, at the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was born in this city. He will remain here through this week preaching sermons in the homes of the deaf families.

**Bishop Confirms Seven.**  
Confirmation services at Epiphany Episcopal Church yesterday were very well attended, the building being crowded to its capacity. The rite was administered by Bishop Gibson to a class of seven. Taking as his text, "Abhorrence of Evil," the bishop delivered a most earnest and thoughtful sermon. Mr. Potter, organist at Monumental, presided at the organ, and singing was conducted by a large choir.

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## TAFT'S CAMPAIGN HAS COST \$750,000

Most Expensive Bit of Booming for Presidential Nomination in Country's History.

HALF-BROTHER HIS "ANGEL"

Virtually Every Penny Being Put Up by Cincinnati Newspaper Proprietor.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., March 15.**—If William Taft is inaugurated next March it is expected to be as the result of the most expensive campaign ever waged for a presidential candidate. Practically every cent of the money spent comes out of the pocket of a bewhiskered citizen of Cincinnati, who looks like a Methodist deacon, and is, in fact, a "dead game sport"—Chas. P. Taft, owner of the Cincinnati Times-Star and half-brother of William Taft.

The expenses of the Taft campaign are now asserted to have reached on December 1st last the limit established by Mark Hanna in 1896, \$750,000. Hanna broke the record when he started to spend money to nominate and elect McKinley. According to Hanna's own estimate, he said to private friends, the amount of his expenditure from the day he started in to boom McKinley to the date of the presidential election was \$750,000. In the case of Taft, this limit is said to have been reached before a single delegate had been elected outside of Alaska.

Since that date, three months ago, an additional quarter of a million has probably been spent. The total expenditure to date, therefore, would be \$1,000,000, and monthly expenses are increasing in geometric ratio. Each month sees, not alone the expense of the month before, but new ways of spending. Frank H. Hitchcock and his large and expensive staff boosted the expenditure away beyond what it was a month before.

**Charles P. an Ideal Brother.**

Charles P. Taft is an ideal brother, the kind you would pick out for your own family. He has brought to the front in the family of nations, an aggressive force that must be reckoned with in world politics. It calls a halt to territorial acquisition in the East, and from now on, likely to mark a recession in European influence in Asia. "Concomitant therewith, European commerce is suffering a serious check and is bound in future, in view of the wonderful commercial adaptability and activity of the Japanese, to encounter a serious struggle for survival. The 'yellow peril' that loomed large in the earlier stages of the Russo-Japanese War still stalks the continent of Europe, although it is no longer polite to proclaim the same.

**Would Welcome War.**

"It follows from this position of affairs that nothing would be contemplated with greater complacency by the continental powers than a war between the United States and Japan."

A taxing of the strength and a waning of the resources of the United States, would tend to restore their relative power and precedence in the council of nations. "This explains the repeated rumors from Paris, Berlin and St. Petersburg, of impending difficulties between the United States and Japan; the wish is rather to the thought, and the continual brightening of the clouds in the hope of inciting the same."

**They expected some disaster to befall our fleet in its Pacific cruise. They consider Admiral Evans as something of a swashbuckler, and they regard the President as impulsive, and they seem to have really persuaded themselves that disaster or complications must ensue.**

**It was never more apparent than now that the only European friend we have is England. England is the only European power that would not come a condition of affairs that might bring to us disaster or ruin. England's interests in the future, and any policy which would impair our prestige would be alike prejudicial to her."**

**Death Sentence for Thirty.**

**ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.**—A large number of death sentences were pronounced in various parts of Russia. Those who will suffer the death penalty include ten robbers at Kremenets, four robbers at Krasnodar, and one who made an attack upon the post-office at Proskurov, three brigands at Lutz, a peasant of Poltava, and a man who had been sentenced to be hanged and one to imprisonment for a term of years upon the grounds of having been connected with a mine, the property of one of the Councilors of the empire.

**OBITUARY**

**Miss Adelaide Johnson.**

**SOUTH BOSTON, VA., March 15.**—Miss Adelaide Johnson, aged about twenty-two years, died at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. J. Johnson, on upper Washington Street, early yesterday afternoon. She had been a great sufferer for some time, but as she was a lovely Christian character, she had no fear of death. She was for a number of years organist at the Baptist Church, near Rodden, Halifax county, Va., the place that was so dear to her in her earlier childhood. The funeral services will be held at the home of her mother, Mrs. W. J. Johnson, on upper Washington Street, early tomorrow morning.

**Lesser Troubles.**

**HARRY W. GILBERT**, boy, twelve years of age, was arrested on Saturday evening by Police Officer Gorman on the charge of shooting at J. S. Chalmers.

**Samuel Rosendorf and T. E. May-** new were arrested on the charge of being mixed up in the Majestic Theatre.

**Special to The Times-Dispatch.**

**FRANKLIN, VA., March 15.**—Mr. J. L. Howell, the eleven-year-old son of Mrs. J. L. Howell, of this place, died at his home on High Street, this morning, about 4 o'clock. The father, Mr. J. L. Howell, who died about nine years ago, and his widow has since married Mr. J. L. Howell.

**He had only been ill with pneumonia for a very short time, and his death was very unexpected.**

**Funeral notice later.**

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